MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Chapter 248 1999

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H. Committee on Local Gov		S. Committee on Local Gov.	
Hearing Date(s) 3-4	✓ C	Hearing Date(s) 1-19	✓ C
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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? ___ Yes ___ No

Committee _____ Report _____

LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

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SB 207 Introduced by Roush, et al. *LC0672 Drafter: Heiman*

Allow a Board of County Commissioners to Donate Land That the County Has Acquired by Tax Deed to a Nonprofit Corporation So That the Nonprofit Corporation Will Construct or Repair Improvements on the Donated Land and Sell, Lease, Rent, or Otherwise Use the Property to Further the Purposes for Which the Nonprofit Corporation Was Formed;...

11/23	Fiscal Note Needed		
1/14	Introduced and 1st Reading		
1/14	Referred to Local Government		
1/19	Hearing		
1/27	Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended	11	0
1/28	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended		
1/30	2nd Reading Passed	40	4
2/01	3rd Reading Passed	43	6
	Transmitted to House		
2/16	Referred to Local Government		
3/04	Hearing		
3/10	Committee Executive Action--Bill Concurred as Amended	16	0
3/11	Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended		
3/20	2nd Reading Concurred	70	29
3/22	3rd Reading Concurred	67	32
	Returned to Senate with Amendments		
3/25	2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred	50	0
3/26	3rd Reading Passed as Amended by House	49	0
3/26	Sent to Enrolling		
3/29	Returned from Enrolling		
3/29	Signed by President		
3/29	Signed by Speaker		
3/30	Transmitted to Governor		
4/05	Signed by Governor		
4/06	Chapter Number Assigned		
	Chapter Number 248		
	Effective Date: 10/01/1999 - All Sections		

SB 208 Introduced by Roush, et al. *LC0673 Drafter: B. Campbell*

Provide That Tax Revenue Collected by a State Agency for a County Treasurer Be Transferred to the County on a Same-day Basis

11/23	Fiscal Note Needed
1/14	Introduced and 1st Reading
1/14	Referred to Taxation
1/14	Fiscal Note Requested
1/19	Fiscal Note Received
1/19	Fiscal Note Signed
1/20	Fiscal Note Printed
1/26	Hearing
1/29	Tabled in Committee
3/31	Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal

SB 209 Introduced by Christiaens *LC0783 Drafter: Fox*

Provide Parity of Insurance Coverage for Mental Health Conditions;...

Senate BILL NO. 207

INTRODUCED BY Boush
(Primary Sponsor)

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DONATE LAND THAT THE COUNTY HAS ACQUIRED BY TAX DEED TO A NONPROFIT CORPORATION SO THAT THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION WILL CONSTRUCT OR REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DONATED LAND AND SELL, LEASE, RENT, OR OTHERWISE USE THE PROPERTY TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION WAS FORMED; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-8-2301, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-8-2301, MCA, is amended to read:

"**7-8-2301. Disposal of county tax-deed land.** (1) Whenever the county acquires land by tax deed, it is the duty of the board of county commissioners, within 6 months after acquiring title, to enter an order to:

(a) sell the land at public auction;

(b) donate the land to a municipality, as provided in subsection (3), if the land is within the incorporated boundaries of the municipality;

(c) donate the land to a nonprofit corporation as provided in subsection (3); or

(d) retain the land for the county as provided in subsection (3).

(2) When tax-deed land is to be sold, the sale may not be made for a price less than the sales price determined and fixed by the board prior to making the order of sale. The sales price may be set in an amount sufficient to recover the full amount of taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest due at the time the tax deed was issued to the county plus the county's costs in taking the tax deed and in conducting the sale and additional taxes due, if any, at the time of the sale.

(3) A board of county commissioners may, upon expiration of the repurchase period provided for in 7-8-2303:

(a) sell the land as provided in subsections (2) and (4);

(b) donate the land to a municipality with the consent of the municipality;

(c) donate the land to a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of constructing:

(i) a multifamily housing development operated by the corporation; ~~or~~

(ii) single-family houses. Upon completion of a house, the nonprofit corporation shall sell the property to a low-income person who meets the eligibility requirements of the corporation. Once the sale is completed, the property becomes subject to taxation.

(iii) improvements to real property or modifying, altering, or repairing improvements to real property that will enable the nonprofit corporation, subject to the restrictions of Article X, section 6, of the Montana constitution, to pursue the charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes specified in the articles of incorporation of the nonprofit corporation, including the sale, lease, rental, or other use of the donated land and improvements~~.~~;

(d) retain the land for the county pursuant to 7-8-2501.

(4) If bids are not received at a sale of tax-deed land, the board shall order another auction sale of the land under this part within 6 months and may, if required by the circumstances, redetermine the sales price of the land determined under subsection (2). In the period of time between the auction conducted under subsection (1), in which there were not any qualifying bids for the land, and an auction held pursuant to this subsection, the board may sell the land by negotiated sale at a price that is not less than the sales price that was fixed for the original auction under subsection (1)(a).

(5) If a bid is not received at the sale conducted under subsection (4), the board may dispose of the land as provided in 7-8-2218.

(6) Notwithstanding the amount of the sales price fixed by the board prior to the auction conducted under subsection (1)(a), if the successful sale bidder is the delinquent taxpayer or the taxpayer's successor in interest, the taxpayer's agent, or a member of the taxpayer's immediate family, the purchase price may not be less than the amount necessary to pay, in full, the taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest due on the land at the time of taking the tax deed plus interest on the full amount at the rate provided for in 15-16-102 from the date of the tax deed to the date of the repurchase as well as the costs of the county in taking the tax deed and additional taxes or assessments due, if any, at the time of repurchase."

- END -

SB 207 SPONSOR: Roush, Glenn SHORT TITLE: Allow board of county commissioners to donate tax deed land to nonprofit corps
REFERRED ON: 01/14/1999 HEARD ON: 01/19/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 01/27/1999 Bill Passed as Amended -- VOTE: 11 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/06/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 214 SPONSOR: Bartlett, Sue SHORT TITLE: Revise laws relating to sheriff's levy and sale for collection of taxes
REFERRED ON: 01/15/1999 HEARD ON: 01/26/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 01/29/1999 Bill Passed -- VOTE: 8 - 1
FINAL DISPOSITION 03/30/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 225 SPONSOR: Hertel, John SHORT TITLE: Let county commis.board include road construction in road improvement districts
REFERRED ON: 01/18/1999 HEARD ON: 01/26/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 01/29/1999 Bill Passed -- VOTE: 8 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/16/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 226 SPONSOR: Hertel, John SHORT TITLE: Clarify authority for county roads
REFERRED ON: 01/18/1999 HEARD ON: 01/26/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 01/29/1999 Bill Passed -- VOTE: 8 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/16/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 233 SPONSOR: Bohlinger, John SHORT TITLE: Provide a discretionary longevity salary adjustment for county attorneys
REFERRED ON: 01/19/1999 HEARD ON: 01/28/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 02/04/1999 Bill Passed as Amended -- VOTE: 9 - 2
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/22/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 239 SPONSOR: Roush, Glenn SHORT TITLE: Clarify sharing of information with solid waste management district boards
REFERRED ON: 01/19/1999 HEARD ON: 01/28/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 02/10/1999 Bill Passed as Amended -- VOTE: 10 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/07/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 264 SPONSOR: Ekegren, Pete SHORT TITLE: Revise methods of financing rural fire protection
REFERRED ON: 01/22/1999 HEARD ON: 02/02/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 02/19/1999 Bill Passed as Amended -- VOTE: 8 - 0
TABLED ON: 02/10/1999
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/22/1999 (H) Died in Standing Committee

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MIKE SPRAGUE**, on January 19, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Sprague, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Sen. Dorothy Eck (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jodi Pauley, Committee Secretary
Mary Vandenbosch, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 166, 1/15/1999; SB 180, 1/15/1999; SB 207, 1/15/1999
Executive Action: SB 96; SB 97

HEARING ON SB 180

Sponsor: **SENATOR JOHN HERTEL, SD 47, Moore**

Jim Dusenbery, MT Tow Truck Assoc., said this provides for towers to identify an abandoned vehicle and secure a notice. The bill also provides for disposal of a vehicle and a mechanism for payment to the tower. It furnishes a funding source and is good for the towers.

Bill Sparr, MT Tow Truck Assoc., said they support this bill.

Brenda Nordland, MT Department of Justice, handed out a copy of a friendly amendment. **EXHIBIT(2)** She said in the past it was the county assessors responsibility to determine whether or not a vehicle was $500 or less. And if it had that value they could get a junk vehicle title and send it to the vehicle graveyard. However, county assessor was struck and it became the department's job. The department really doesn't have the mechanism to determine whether a vehicle in the Butte district or the Missoula district is worth less than $500. This amendment would have the junk vehicle manager make that assessment.

Bill Fleiner, MT Sheriff's and Peace Officers Assoc., said they support **SB 166.**

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. TESTER asked if every county has a junk vehicle program.
Milo Casagrande said yes.

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. LYNCH said this bill is a fairness issue and there is money available specifically for abandoned and junk vehicle programs.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3:33 p.m.}

HEARING ON SB 207

Sponsor: SENATOR GLENN ROUSH, SD 43, Cut Bank

Proponents:

Gary Pfister, Cut Bank Schools
Paul Tuss, Glacier Action
Mary Allen, Granite and Powell Counties

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR GLENN ROUSH, SD 43, Cut Bank, said this bill comes from the county commissioners, local school district and administration. This bill would allow County Commissioners to deed property that cannot be sold at a sheriffs sale to non-profit groups in Montana. Under Montana law currently, it allows the County Commissioners to donate land that is acquired by tax deed to non-profit corporations for the purpose of constructing multi-family housing development or low income single family houses. This bill will amend that and allow non-profit organizations to expand the use of donated land. This will benefit schools and allow for non-profits to find a beneficial use for it and return it to the county tax roles. This bill will enable a school to build an industrial arts or vo-tech center and assist in training projects. It will also enable the land to be resold and returned to the tax roles thus helping the county.

Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Pfister, Cut Bank Schools, said non-profits could utilize tax deeded land better with this bill. Vo-tech classes could remodel or repair new housing developments or buildings that could be used for school value. He said they have lots in their community that have accumulated large amounts of back taxes and assessment and makes it prohibitive for other individuals to purchase the land. If they were donated to a foundation etc. then they could resell the land and get it back on the tax roles.

Paul Tuss, Glacier Action, handed out a letter of support from the Glacier County Commissioners. **EXHIBIT(3)** He said this bill will clean up communities, gives vo-ed students some experience, and put property back on the tax roles.

Mary Allen, Granite and Powell Counties, said this bill expands the tax base and is beneficial to the counties.

Opponents' Testimony: None

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3:40 p.m.}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. BOHLINGER asked what kind of property values are available to non-profits, etc. **SEN. ROUSH** said he was not sure but it depends on the amount of property available in the sale.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS said the way he reads the bill the land would not go back on tax roles because if it is donated to a non-

profit, and then leased or rented those incomes remain with the non-profit. The only way it would come back on the tax roles is if it is sold. **SEN. ROUSH** said this was correct and it would be up to the non-profit to sell the land, etc.

SEN. LYNCH said he believes that if Helena Vo-tech builds a home and the non-profit sells the home, then the buyer goes on the tax roles. The profits would go back into purchasing more of these lots. **SEN. ROUSH** said Billings Vo-tech did this and it is a wonderful idea. He would hope that the property would be sold.

SEN. GRIMES asked if line 8 could be amended to include correctional purposes. **SEN. ROUSH** said he would agree to this and the protection is still there through the County Commissioners.

SEN. ECK said if the non-profits rent or lease that building, it goes back on the tax roles. If the non-profit uses it for charitable purposes then it is not taxable. This needs to be clarified.

SEN. GLASER asked if there were anyone besides school systems that wanted this bill. **SEN. ROUSH** said the people that asked him to carry this bill was his County Commissioners and school district officials. He said most counties probably don't have a lot of property to do this with.

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ROUSH closed on **SB 166.**

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3:48 p.m.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

Mary Vandenbosch explained some amendments that were proposed by Mayor Kadas. **EXHIBIT(4)**

Motion: SEN. LYNCH moved that **AMENDMENT #1 FOR SB 96 BE ADOPTED. EXHIBIT (4)**

Discussion

SEN. LYNCH said if the council member is not there why should that be considered a negative vote.

SEN. HARGROVE said often they hear the state is run by those who show up. This amendment would make it more possible to stack the deck and he opposes it.

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MIKE SPRAGUE**, on January 26, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Sprague, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Sen. Dorothy Eck (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jodi Pauley, Committee Secretary
Mary Vandenbosch, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 214, 1/21/1999; SB 225, 1/21/1999; SB 226, 1/21/1999
Executive Action: SB 180; SB 207

HEARING ON SB 225

Sponsor: **SEN. JOHN HERTEL, SD 47, Moore**

SEN. DON HARGROVE asked will associated costs be assessed against the delinquent whether or not there is a sale. **Mr. Harrington** said anyone who is attempting to collect delinquent taxes can go to the lending institution and try to get money. If there is no seizure and sale of personal property, under current statute, they are not entitled to the fees. It is usually more convenient for the taxpayer to have money taken out of his bank account rather than taking personal property and holding a sheriff's sale.

SEN. HARGROVE asked if the fees would come out of the bank account and are they making a distinction between real and personal property. **Mr. Harrington** said that was correct.

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BARTLETT said the statutes already provide in the case of real property delinquencies for the counties to recover their costs. Delinquencies in the personal property tax area have a very limited cost recovery mechanism and this bill addresses that. When counties can't collect on delinquencies all of the non-delinquent taxpayers are subsidizing the work that goes into collecting from delinquent taxpayers. CI-75 does not apply in relation to the sheriff's fees. But if a county sets the fees different than $25 then it has to be in accordance with CI-75.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4:09 p.m.}

CHAIRMAN SPRAGUE took over the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 180

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ECK** moved that **AMENDMENTS TO SB 180 BE ADOPTED. EXHIBIT(5) Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved that **SB 180 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 207

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked if the previous amendments stay on the bill. **EXHIBIT(6) Mary Vandenbosch** said that was correct.

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **AMENDMENTS FOR SB 207 BE ADOPTED. EXHIBIT(7)**

Discussion:

SEN. LYNCH asked by putting in these amendments will the former amendments be struck and only education be in there? **Mary Vandenbosch** said this amendment is designed to fit with the first amendment.

SEN. LYNCH discussed the amendments and said he is not in favor of them. **EXHIBIT(7)**

SEN. CHRISTIAENS said the reason for this bill and amendment is to allow the donation to be for educational purposes.

CHAIRMAN SPRAGUE asked if it was constitutional to include religion. **Mary Vandenbosch** said it is up to the courts to decide that but it does raise constitutional issues.

SEN. LYNCH said if there is a parcel of land that is not being used there are several instances in which these parcels have been sold to non-profits for whatever use. The amendment is fine that included a detention center, but to strike everything else is an error.

SEN. GRIMES said he added the first amendment because of the Boulder River School. **EXHIBIT(6)** But removing "scientific" and "religious" doesn't make the first amendment fit very well.

SEN. HARGROVE responed when they start defining things, they get in trouble. He said he would feel more comfortable to leave it as a non-profit organization.

SEN. MILLER said it is not the institution that is in question constitutionally, but the purpose of that institution. These things are happening right now in the counties and he doesn't want to stop that.

SEN. HARGROVE asked to have article 10 of the Constitution read. **Mary Vandenbosch** read article 10 and article 2, section 5 of the Montana Constitution.

SEN. LYNCH said if they put in a severability clause, this will take care of these problems.

Vote: Motion **failed unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LYNCH** moved **THE AMENDMENT OF A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE TO BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. MILLER** moved that **SB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.**

SB 180 SPONSOR: Hertel, John SHORT TITLE: County commission hearings on public land exchanges with federal agency
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/04/1999
TABLED ON: 03/10/1999
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/22/1999 (H) Died in Standing Committee

SB 207 SPONSOR: Roush, Glenn SHORT TITLE: Allow board of county commissioners to donate tax deed land to nonprofit corps
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/04/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/10/1999 Bill Concurred as Amended -- VOTE: 16 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/06/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 225 SPONSOR: Hertel, John SHORT TITLE: Let county commis.board include road construction in road improvement districts
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/04/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/24/1999 Bill Concurred as Amended -- VOTE: 12 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/16/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 239 SPONSOR: Roush, Glenn SHORT TITLE: Clarify sharing of information with solid waste management district boards
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/09/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/12/1999 Bill Concurred as Amended -- VOTE: 9 - 4
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/07/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 269 SPONSOR: Toews, Daryl SHORT TITLE: Revise and clarify county water and sewer project laws
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/09/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/26/1999 Bill Concurred as Amended -- VOTE: 15 - 2
TABLED ON: 03/24/1999
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/20/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 270 SPONSOR: Devlin, Gerry SHORT TITLE: Allow county to charge Dept. of Revenue for office space
REFERRED ON: 03/02/1999 HEARD ON: 03/09/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/10/1999 Bill Concurred -- VOTE: 16 - 0
FINAL DISPOSITION 05/10/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

SB 348 SPONSOR: Bartlett, Sue SHORT TITLE: Decriminalize municipal code violations
REFERRED ON: 02/16/1999 HEARD ON: 03/11/1999
EXECUTIVE ACTION: 03/12/1999 Bill Concurred -- VOTE: 12 - 1
FINAL DISPOSITION 04/06/1999 Chapter Number Assigned

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHRIS AHNER**, on March 4, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB166, 3/4/1999; SB180, 3/4/1999; SB207, 3/4/1999; SB225, 3/4/1999

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB207

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Glenn Roush, SD43 EXHIBIT(1)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Pfister, Cut Bank Education Association
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}

Mary Allen, Granite and Powell Counties
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.1}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Glenn Roush
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.6}

HEARING ON SB180

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. John Hertel, SD47
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Bloomquist, Montana Stock Growers Association
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7}

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties EXHIBIT(2)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.4}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.2}

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Sen. John Hertel
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8}

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN ROD BITNEY**, on March 9, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
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Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB270, SB269, SB239, 3/9/1999
Executive Action: SB180, SB207, SB166, SB270

Motion/Vote: REP. YOUNKIN moved that SB180 BE TABLED. Motion carried 14-2 with Bitney and Clark voting no. Reps. Ahner and Gallus voted aye by proxy.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB207

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that SB207 BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.5}

Motion: REP. HAGENER moved that AMENDMENTS PER **EXHIBIT(2)** BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}

Vote: Motion carried 14-0.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.4}

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that SB207 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.5}

Motion: REP. ANDERSEN moved that AMENDMENTS BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22}

Vote: Motion carried 14-0.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.2}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB207 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-0.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB166

Motion: REP. LAWSON moved that **SB166 BE CONCURRED IN.**
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.6}

Discussion:
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8}